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<p>(54) Title: DEPILATORY COMPOSITIONS, THEIR PREPARATION AND USE</p> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>A depilatory composition in the form of an aqueous gel comprises a substance capable of degrading hair keratin and a water-soluble polymeric binder and is buffered to a pH of from 10.5 to 13.0. The polymeric binder is formed from a first component that is a charged cross-linked polymer and a second component that comprises a linear non-ionic and/or charged polymer. The composition is preferably in the form of a stable gel that can be applied by means of a pump spray.</p>			